Residential accommodation in Delhi

3290. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of residential accommodation in Delhi and the average number of persons living in them at present; and

(b) the number of Government quarters which Government propose to construct in the current year and in the next year to reduce the shortage of residential accommodation in Delhi and number of estimated private accommodation likely to be available in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) According to the 1981 census the number of occupied residential houses in Delhi is 10,92,065 and the average number of persons living in them was 5.70.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Linking of prices of Agricultural Commodities with consumer price index

3291. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to link prices of agricultural commodities with the consumer prices index; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) No such proposal is under the consideration of the Government at present. However, the Government had amended the terms of reference of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices, in March, 1980 and the Commission was enjoined, *inter-alia*, to take into account the changes in terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors. In observance thereof, the Commission while making recommendations on procurement/support prices takes into consideration, among other factors, changes in prices of commodities purchased by the farmer for use as inputs as also for his home consumption *vis-a-vis* the prices received by him for his produce sold in the market. The Government announced procurement/minimum support prices on the basis of the recommendations made by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices.

Paddy crop destroyed by floods in A.P.

3292. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large areas of paddy crop in Krishna, Guntur, Nellor, Prakhasham, East Godavari, West Godavari, Visakhapatnam and Khammam districts of Andhra Pradesh have been destroyed during the recent floods in August-October 1986;

(b) if so, the extent of damage suffered on this account;

(c) whether any special financial assistance is being given to rehabilitate the sufferers; and

(d) if so, the details of the financial assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) According to the Memorandum submitted by the Govern-